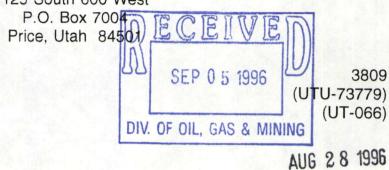


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Neal Mortensen Western Clay Company P.O. Box 127 Aurora, Utah 84620

Dear Mr. Mortensen:

We have determined that you have substantially complied with the terms and conditions of the notice of noncompliance dated June 14, 1996. You may proceed with your operation as outlined in your notice, UTU-73779. Any change in your operation, whether in methods of operation or amount of acreage disturbed, will require at least an amendment to your notice. Currently, your mine is authorized for disturbance of 2.62 acres.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Neil Simmons of my staff at (801) 636-3639.

Sincerely,

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Area Manager

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